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In re Reissue Application of: )

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For: TARGET AND BACKGROUND CAPTURE )  
METHODS WITH AMPLIFICATION FOR )  
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Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Unassigned

## BOX REISSUE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Patent Owner requests a one month extension of time to provide the Examiner with comments to a protest filed against the above-referenced reissue application in accordance with the Office Action of October 25, 2000. The petition fee of \$110.00 is attached. A fully responsive paper requires the review of another patent that had been in reexamination. Despite attempts over the last three weeks to locate the file of this patent in the USPTO, the file has not yet been located. The Patent Owner requests a one month extension of time to respond to the protest in the hopes of locating the file within this time period. A representative of the Patent Owner had contacted Group Director John Poll on Friday, November 3, 2000, and he had indicated

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that he would grant the extension of time upon receipt of a paper requesting the extension.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the one month extension of time be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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